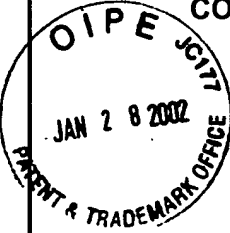


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Attorney Docket No.	826.1775
Application Number	09/998,225
Filing Date	November 30, 2001
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Title: **PATTERN RETRIEVING METHOD, PATTERN RETRIEVAL APPARATUS, COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PATTERN RETRIEVAL PROGRAM, PATTERN RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, AND PATTERN RETRIEVAL PROGRAM**

In response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed December 21, 2001 for the above-identified application, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ RETURN COPY of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers
- ☒ Formal Drawings
- ☐ English-language translation of application
- ☐ A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52

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- SUBTOTAL FEES:** \$0.00
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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